AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as indicated below.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A ridge ventilation system comprising:

a plurality of ridge vent sections configured to be arranged end-to-end covering an open ridge of a roof;

each of said ridge vent sections having a laterally flexible central panel flanked by ventilation grids; and

a plurality of fasteners removably secured to each of said ridge vent sections, said fasteners being positioned to be removed by an installer of said ridge ventilation system for use in fastening said ridge vent sections to a roof.

2. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 1 and wherein each of said ridge vent sections further comprises wind baffles positioned outboard of said ventilation grids for creating a relatively low pressure region in the vicinity of said ventilation grids in response to a breeze blowing past said ridge vent section, said fasteners being removably secured to said ridge vent sections between at least one of said wind baffles and the corresponding ventilation grid.

3. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 2 and wherein each of said

wind baffles is supported by an array of buttresses extending between said wind baffle and the corresponding ventilation grid, at least some of said buttresses being configured for releasably holding said fasteners.

4. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 3 and wherein said fasteners are nails and wherein said at least some of said buttresses are formed with notches sized to receive and removably secure said nails.

5. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 2 and further comprising a drain trough formed between each of said ventilation grids and its corresponding wind baffle, weep holes formed along each of said drain troughs for promoting the escape of water from said drain troughs, and upstanding barriers positioned along said drain troughs and aligned with said weep holes for preventing rain from being blown through said weep holes and into said ventilation grids.

6. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 5 and wherein said fasteners are removably secured to said ridge vent sections between at least one of said wind baffles and the corresponding ventilation grid.

7. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 6 and further comprising an array of buttresses extending between at least one of said wind baffles and the corresponding ventilation grid for supporting said wind baffle, at least some of said buttresses being configured for releasably holding said fasteners.

8. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 7 and wherein at least some of said buttresses are formed with notches sized to receive and removably hold said fasteners.

9. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 8 and wherein said fasteners comprise nails.

10. (Original) A ridge ventilation system comprising:

a plurality of ridge vent sections configured to be arranged end-to-end covering an open ridge of a roof;

each of said ridge vent sections having a laterally flexible central panel flanked by ventilation grids; and

a drain for diverting water that may seep into the junction between a pair of end-to-end ridge vent sections away from the open ridge of a roof;

said drain comprising a laterally extending trough formed along one end of each of said ridge vent sections, said trough being sized and configured to underlie the junction between two joined ridge vent sections to receive water and divert the water toward said ventilation grids of said ridge vent sections.

11. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 10 and wherein said drain comprises a laterally extending trough formed along one end of each of said ridge vent sections, said trough being sized and configured to underlie the junction between two joined ridge vent sections to receive water and divert the water toward said ventilation grids of said ridge vent

sections.

12. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 10 and further comprising a plurality of fasteners removably secured to each of said ridge vent sections, said fasteners being positioned to be removed by an installer of said ridge ventilation system for use in fastening said ridge vent sections to a roof.

13. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 12 and wherein said plurality of fasteners are removably secured to each of said ridge vent sections along said ventilation grids thereof.

14. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 13 and further comprising wind baffles positioned outboard of said ventilation grids for creating a relatively low pressure region in the vicinity of said ventilation grids in response to a breeze blowing past said ridge vent section, said fasteners being removably secured to said ridge vent sections between at least one of said wind baffles and the corresponding ventilation grid.

15. (Original) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 14 and further comprising an array of buttresses extending between at least one of said wind baffles and the corresponding ventilation grid for supporting said wind baffle, at least some of said buttresses being configured for releasably holding said fasteners.

16. (Currently Amended) A ridge ventilation system comprising:

a plurality of ridge vent sections configured to be arranged end-to-end covering an open ridge of a roof;

each of said ridge vent sections having a laterally flexible central panel flanked by ventilation grids; and

a plurality of fasteners stowed on at least one of said ridge vent sections prior to arrangement of the ridge vent sections on a roof to be used in fastening said ridge vent sections to a roof.

17. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 16 and wherein each of said ridge vent sections further comprises wind baffles positioned outboard of said ventilation grids.

18. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 17 and wherein each of said wind baffles is supported by an array of buttresses extending between said wind baffle and the corresponding ventilation grid.

19. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 16 and wherein said plurality of fasteners comprises nails.

20. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 17 and further comprising a drain trough formed between each of said ventilation grids and the corresponding wind baffle, weep holes formed along each of said drain troughs for promoting the escape of

water from said drain troughs, and upstanding barriers positioned along said drain troughs and aligned with said weep holes for preventing rain from being blown through said weep holes and into said ventilation grids.

21. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 16 and wherein said fasteners are driven into holes formed along the lengths of said ridge vent sections.

22. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 21 wherein said holes are disposed in said laterally flexible panel.

23. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 22 and wherein said fasteners comprise nails.

24. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 16 and wherein said plurality of fasteners comprises a sufficient number of fasteners to fasten said ridge vent section to a roof and to fasten shingles over said ridge vent section.

25. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claim in claim 16 and wherein said plurality of fasteners is removably stowed on said ridge vent section.

26. (Currently Amended) A ridge ventilation system comprising:

a plurality of ridge vent sections configured to be arranged end-to-end covering an open ridge of a roof;

each of said ridge vent sections having a laterally flexible central panel with holes therein and flanked by ventilation grids; and,

a plurality of fasteners carried by at least one of said ridge vent sections before said ridge vent sections are arranged on a roof.

27. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 26 and wherein said holes are configured to receive said fasteners for fastening said ridge vent sections to a roof.

28. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 26 and further comprising wind baffles positioned outboard of said ventilation grids.

29. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 28 and further comprising an array of buttresses extending between at least one of said wind baffles and the corresponding ventilation grid for supporting said wind baffles.

30. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 26 and wherein said plurality of fasteners comprises a sufficient number of fasteners to fasten said ridge vent section to a roof and to fasten shingles over said ridge vent section.

31. (Previously presented) A ridge ventilation system as claimed in claim 26 and wherein said plurality of fasteners are removably carried by said ridge vent section.

32. (Currently Amended) A ridge vent section for installation on a roof comprising:

a central panel;

a ventilation grid formed along an edge of said central panel; and

a fastener stowed on said ridge vent section before said ridge vent section is installed on a roof for fastening said ridge vent section to a roof.

33. (Previously presented) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 32 and further comprising a hole in said panel.

34. (Previously presented) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 33 and wherein said fastener is driven into said hole when fastening said ridge vent section to a roof.

35. (Previously presented) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 34 and wherein said fastener is a nail.

36. (Previously presented) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 32 and wherein said central panel is laterally flexible.

37. (Previously presented) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 32 and further comprising a wind baffle positioned outboard of said ventilation grid.

38. (Previously presented) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 37 and further comprising a drain trough formed between said ventilation grid and said wind baffle.

39. (Previously presented) A ridge vent section as claimed in claim 38 and further comprising a weep hole formed along said drain.